



# JACKSON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

February 2015

The Jackson Archaeological Society will meet **Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** at Gander Mountain – The Columns, 1523 Vann Drive, Jackson, Tennessee. The purpose of this Society is to learn more about past Native American cultures and the early historic period of Tennessee. Our meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month and are **Free** and open to the public. Our program this month:

**Mark Norton**

*who will present*

## A Visitors Guide to Lamanai

About 10 years ago, Hal Fisher sent me some photographs of his visit to Lamanai - a Maya site that was occupied between 1500BC and 1680AD- located in the Central American Country of Belize. A few years later, Yvonne and I decided to escape the winter cold and took a cruise to the warm waters of the western Caribbean. Fortunately, one of the ports this ship docked for a day was Belize City -near Lamanai. I took Hals advice and booked an excursion to Lamanai -which was a Van and Boat trip to reach this remote and ancient City along the New River. This presentation will highlight the key structures of this Mayan Complex and tour of the cultural museum that contains pottery, eccentric obsidian art, and Stele that provide insights to the peoples who lived in the city known as Submerged Crocodile.

See you Tuesday, Mark



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**Tennessee Archaeology Network**

<http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kesmith/TNARCH/>

**Tennessee Archaeology - Online Journal**

<http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kesmith/TNARCH/tennesseearchaeology.html>

**Tennessee Division of Archaeology - Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/TNArchaeology>

**TN Gen Web Project**

<http://tnngenweb.org/about-us/>

**Archaeology of Reelfoot Lake Tour - March 26, 2016**

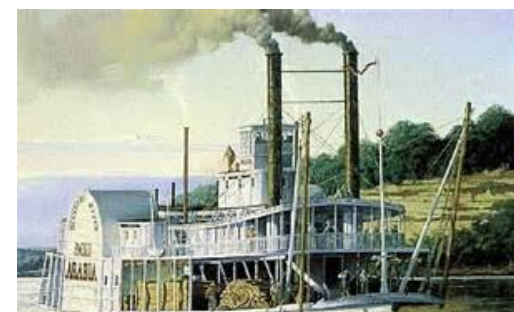
<http://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/reelfoot-lake>

**Kit Carson's Knap-In and Native Arts Festival - May 13-15, 2016**

[http://www.flintknappers.com/fliers/kit\\_carson\\_2016.pdf](http://www.flintknappers.com/fliers/kit_carson_2016.pdf)

**State Museum - Ancient Native American Sculptures of Tennessee**

[http://www.tnmuseum.org/custpage.cfm/frm/0/sec\\_id/187664](http://www.tnmuseum.org/custpage.cfm/frm/0/sec_id/187664)



1856 Steamboat Arabia -<http://1856.com/>

## Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Area - Equinox Sunrise - March 20, 2016

The Tennessee Division of Archaeology will conduct a sunrise program at Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Area on Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 6:58 am. This Mound Complex was constructed by Native Americans some 2,000 years ago during the Middle Woodland period. Some of the Mounds here appear to have been built to mark astronomical events. Pinson became the largest mound complex of the Woodland period in the Southeast. Led by archaeologist Mark Norton, this presentation will discuss what we have learned about the builders of Pinson and the importance of Archaeoastronomy at this and other significant prehistoric Native American sites.

The cost for this event is \$10 per person or \$20 per family. This event is limited to 40 participants on a first-come first-serve basis. Please call Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Area office at 731-988-5614 for reservations and payment, or drop by the Park office at 460 Ozier road.

Participants should plan to arrive at the Pinson Museum parking lot between 6:00 and 6:30 to allow time to walk to and climb the stairs to the platform atop Sauls Mound.

<http://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/pinson-mounds> **Tennessee State Parks - Events** - <http://www.tnstateparks.com/events>